

QuickAlerts Messages October 2012

QuickAlerts –October 1, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Memphis, TN e-file B is unavailable

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee, is experiencing problems on e-file B. Until the problem is corrected, the system will be unavailable for internet transmissions.

A QuickAlerts will be issued when the system is available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts –October 2, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) at Memphis, Tennessee available

The Electronic Management System located in Memphis, Tennessee is now available. We apologize for any inconvenience.

QuickAlerts –October 2, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System Annual Columbus Day Power Outage at Martinsburg (Reminder)

The Electronic Management System (EMS) located at the Enterprise Computing Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia will be unavailable from Saturday, October 6, 2012, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time through Tuesday, October 9, 2012, at 5:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

This will affect individual, business, and state returns processed on the EMS located in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday, drains will not occur on Monday, October 8, 2012 at Martinsburg or Memphis. Normal processing will resume Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 5:00 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

QuickAlerts –October 2, 2012

Subject: Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) Downtime (Reminder)

The MeF system will be down from 9:00 pm, Eastern on Saturday, October 6th, until 5:00 am, Eastern on Tuesday, October 9th, (Columbus Day weekend).

A routine system maintenance build along with the power outage will allow the IRS to conduct critical operational and maintenance programs, enhance building infrastructure and upgrade various computer systems.

The Modernized e-File systems (both Production and ATS) will not be operational during this timeframe. Please refrain from accessing the MeF Production or Assurance Testing Systems to transmit business/individual tax returns, retrieve acknowledgements or submit any other service requests. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused.

QuickAlerts –October 4, 2012

Subject: e-services (Transcript Delivery System, e-file Application, Disclosure Authorization, TIN Matching) Downtime

E-services will be down from 9:00 pm, Eastern on Saturday, October 6, until 5:00 am, Eastern on Tuesday, October 9, (Columbus Day weekend).

A routine system maintenance build along with the power outage will allow the IRS to conduct critical operational and maintenance programs, enhance building infrastructure and upgrade various computer systems. E-services will not be operational during this timeframe.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience caused. Please check the login page for updates.

QuickAlerts –October 12, 2012

Subject: 94x XML Business e-file – Tax Year 2013 Updates (2013 Filing Season)

Attention: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs
The draft 94x XML 2013 Schema (version 3.0) is now posted to the irs.gov website. Testing can be done with the new Schemas starting on October 17, 2012. We strongly encourage that you test for all new changes. We have also provided the 94x XML Sample Schemas as a guide for you on irs.gov website.

The Matrix Chart has been updated and is now available on the irs.gov website.

For more information see Publication 3823.

QuickAlerts –October 12, 2012

Subject: Scheduled Modernized e-File (MeF) Production and Assurance Testing System (ATS) Downtime

Attention: All Modernized e-File (MeF) Business and Individual (BMF & IMF) Transmitters, Software Developers and States

The Modernized e-File system will be unavailable from approximately 1:00 am until 9:00 am, Eastern on Sunday, Oct 21, 2012 while the IRS performs scheduled maintenance.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this extended timeframe. Thank you in advance for refraining from accessing the MeF Production or Assurance Testing Systems during this period.

Please check the MeF [Status Page](#) for updates.

QuickAlerts –October 15, 2012

Subject: 1040 e-File Legacy - TY 2011 - Forms 1040 - Last Production Drain

ATTN: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-File Providers (EROs)
The last date for transmitting returns is October 15, 2012. The last date for retransmitting returns is October 19, 2012. (These dates also apply to any electronic funds withdrawal payment requests submitted with those returns.)

The Electronic Management System (EMS) will not be available after 11:00 a.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time) on October 19, 2012 for transmitting returns.

The Federal Acknowledgement Files must be picked up no later than 6:00 p.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time) on October 19, 2012.

The last production drain for corrected ETD transmissions will be October 19, 2012, at 1:00 a.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time).

Acknowledgements for 1040 and State returns: The last production drain for corrected Tax Year 2011 Form 1040 returns will be on October 19, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time).

States must pick up, process files, and transmit state acknowledgements to EMS by 4:00 p.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time), October 22, 2012. All Acknowledgement files must be retrieved no later than 6:00 p.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time), October 22, 2012

QuickAlerts –October 16, 2012

Subject: Distribution of New Modernized e-File (MeF) Web Service Definition Language (WSDLs)

New WSDLs will be installed in the MeF test environment (ATS) on November 5, 2012. These new WSDLs will also be required for MeF production when it reopens on January 7th 2013. Please note that starting November 5th you will be using the la.alt (<https://la.alt.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef>) URL for ATS and la (<https://la.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef>) URL for production environments.

If you would like to receive the current WSDLs please send an email to the mail box at mefmailbox@irs.gov. The email request must include your company name, and ETIN/EFIN. The required WSDLs will be sent to you as soon as it is verified that you are a valid software developer, transmitter or State user. Please check the MeF [Status Page](#) for updates.

QuickAlerts –October 17, 2012

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Downtime for Annual Cut-Over

The Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) will be taken off-line starting **6:00 pm Eastern, Friday, October 26, 2012** lasting until **8:00 am Eastern, Monday, November 5, 2012**. The scheduled cut-over includes loading the TY2012 schemas and business rules into ATS.

Please note: all existing test submissions for TY2011, TY2010 and TY2009 will be purged. Therefore, any test scenarios not already approved will require resubmitting if they are not accepted, reviewed, and approved by the e-Help Desk by 6:00 pm Eastern, October 26, 2012.

All testing with states should also be completed by 6:00 pm Eastern, October 26, 2012. We apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts –October 18, 2012

Subject: UPDATE: Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Downtime

Modernized e-File (MeF) is extending the Assurance Testing System (**ATS**) downtime starting at **1:00am, Eastern until 9:00pm, Eastern, Sunday, October 21, 2012**. This extended downtime is necessary to prepare our systems for ATS testing beginning November 5, 2012. This downtime is for ATS only, all Production processing will resume at 9:00am as originally scheduled.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts –October 19, 2012

Subject: 1040 e-File legacy - TY2011- Forms 1040 - Last Production Drain

ATTN: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs
It has been brought to our attention that not all the intended audience received the IRS QuickAlerts, released on October 15, 2012. Therefore, we have reissued the following QuickAlerts Message:

The last date for transmitting returns is October 15, 2012.

The last date for retransmitting returns is October 19, 2012. (These dates also apply to any electronic funds withdrawal payment requests submitted with those returns.)

- The Electronic Management System (EMS) will not be available after 11:00 a.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time) on October 19, 2012 for transmitting returns.
- The Federal Acknowledgement Files must be picked up no later than 6:00 p.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time) on October 19, 2012.
- The last production drain for corrected ETD transmissions will be on October 19, 2012, at 1:00 a.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time).

Acknowledgements for 1040 and State returns: The last production drain for corrected Tax Year 2011 Form 1040 returns will be on October 19, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time).

- States must pick up, process files, and transmit state acknowledgments to EMS by 4:00 p.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time), October 22, 2012. All Acknowledgement files must be retrieved no later than 6:00 p.m. (Local Submission Processing Center time), October 22, 2012.
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QuickAlerts –October 25, 2012

Subject: Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) Downtime for Annual Cut-Over

Reminder:

The Modernized e-File (MeF) Assurance Testing System (ATS) will be taken off-line starting 6:00 pm Eastern, Friday, October 26, 2012 lasting until 8:00 am Eastern, Monday, November 5, 2012. The scheduled cut-over includes loading the TY2012 schemas and business rules into ATS.

As a reminder, new WSDLs are being installed in the MeF test environment (ATS) on November 5, 2012. These new WSDLs will also be required for MeF production when it reopens on January 7, 2013. Please note that starting November 5th you will be using the la.alt

(<https://la.alt.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef>) URL for ATS and la (<https://la.www4.irs.gov/a2a/mef>) URL for production environments.

If you have not received the new WSDLs dated 10/25/2012, please send an email to the mail box at mefmailbox@irs.gov. The email request must include your company name, and ETIN/EFIN. The required WSDLs will be sent to you as soon as it is verified that you are a valid software developer, transmitter or State user.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation.

QuickAlerts –October 26, 2012

Subject: Individual e-file - Tax Year 2012 Publication 1346

ATTN: Software Developers, Return Transmitters and Authorized IRS e-file Providers/EROs
Please be advised the Tax Year 2012 Publication 1346, Electronic Return File Specifications for Legacy Individual Income Tax Returns, is now available on IRS.gov at the following link:

[Tax Year 2012 Publication 1346](#)

QuickAlerts –October 31, 2012

Subject: Electronic Management System (EMS) Unavailable

The Electronic Management System, located at Memphis, Tennessee and Martinsburg, West Virginia will be unavailable from 4:00 AM to 6:00 AM EST on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you